Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended) A tool for use in removing material from a workpiece to smooth a surface of the workpiece, said tool comprising:

a shank portion and a working portion constructed of a rigid material;

~~a shank~~ said shank portion adapted to be held in a non-flexible manner by a power-driven implement of the type providing movable contact between said tool and the workpiece;

~~a working~~ said working portion of said tool connected to said shank portion, said working portion adapted for contacting said workpiece, and said working portion having a ~~smooth~~ surface area adapted for preventing abrasion of the workpiece when moved into contact therewith; and

said working portion of said tool having one or more depressions formed in said ~~smooth~~ surface area, each depression having an abrading mechanism for abrading raised areas of the workpiece, said abrading mechanism does not protrude above said ~~smooth~~ surface area, whereby when the raised areas of the workpiece are abraded and reduced in height by the working portion of said tool, the ~~smooth~~ surface area of said working portion of said tool is then caused to engage the workpiece and further abrasion of the workpiece is prevented.

Claim 2 (original): The tool of claim 1, wherein a shape of said tool is adapted for movement by rotation.

Claim 3 (original): The tool of claim 1, wherein a shape of said tool is adapted for movement by vibration.

Claim 4 (original): The tool of claim 3, wherein the shape of said tool is adapted for movement by one of a sonic or ultrasonic vibration.

Claim 5 (original): The tool of claim 1, wherein said abrading mechanism comprises an abrasive.

Claim 6 (original): The tool of claim 1, wherein said abrading mechanism comprises a sharp edge.

Claim 7 (original): The tool of claim 1, wherein each said depression comprises an elongate groove.

Claim 8 (original): The tool of claim 7 wherein each said elongate groove is formed parallel to an axial axis of said tool.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The tool of claim 1, wherein said ~~smooth~~ surface area of the working portion surrounds each said depression.

Claim 10 (original): The tool of claim 1, wherein the working portion of said tool is elongate and is generally circular in cross-section.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method of removing ~~material~~ rough areas from a surface of a non-compliant workpiece ~~using a tool to smooth a surface of the workpiece~~, comprising the steps of:

using a tool of the type having a smooth surface area adjacent one or more depressions, where each depression has an abrading mechanism therein;

attaching the tool to an implement ~~of the type~~ and ~~for~~ imparting relative movement between the tool and the non-compliant workpiece;

engaging the tool with a surface of the non-compliant workpiece and allowing the relative movement therebetween to ~~reduce a height of raised~~ remove the rough areas on the surface of the non-compliant workpiece by said abrading mechanism;

continuing to remove the rough areas down to the surface of the non-compliant workpiece; and

preventing abrading of the surface of the non-compliant workpiece once the ~~raised~~ rough areas have been ~~reduced in height~~ removed by engagement of the smooth surface areas of the tool with the surface of the non-compliant workpiece, whereby the rough areas are removed without removing portions of the surface of the non-compliant workpiece.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 11, further including the step of rotating the tool with the implement.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 11, further including the step of vibrating the tool with the implement.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 11, further including abrading the raised areas of the workpiece by an abrasive located in each said depression.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 11, further including abrading the raised areas of the workpiece by a sharp edge located in each said depression.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method of making a tool adapted for smoothing a surface of a workpiece, comprising the steps of:

forming a tool having a shank portion and a rigid working portion, said shank portion adapted for attachment to an implement of the type for imparting movement to the tool;

forming said working portion for engagement with the workpiece;

forming a ~~smooth and~~ nonabrasive surface on said working portion of the tool;

forming one or more depressions so as to be adjacent the ~~smooth and~~ nonabrasive surface; ~~and~~

forming an abrading mechanism in each said depression so that the abrading mechanism does not protrude above the ~~smooth and~~ nonabrasive surface; and

forming each said depression with a respective opening to the nonabrasive surface, and forming each said opening with a size such that the surface of the workpiece can not enter therein.

Claim 17 (new): The tool of claim 1, wherein said surface area is smooth.

Claim 18 (new): The tool of claim 6, wherein said sharp edge is an elongate sharp edge.

Claim 19 (new): The method of claim 16, further including forming said nonabrasive surface as a smooth surface.

Claim 20 (new): The tool of claim 1, wherein each said depression comprises a groove with an edge where the groove joins said surface area adapted for preventing abrasion, and

wherein said edge is rounded.

Claim 21 (new): The tool of claim 20, wherein said abrading mechanism comprises an abrasive, and wherein said rounded edge is not covered with the abrasive.

Claim 22 (new): The tool of claim 1, wherein said depression comprises a groove having a depth in the range of about 0.06 - 0.5 mm, and a groove width in the range of about 0.33 - 1.0 mm.

Claim 23 (new): The tool of claim 1, wherein said depression and said tool are adapted for use in removing rough areas from a generally flat surface.